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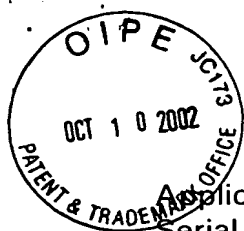
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references known by Applicant or Applicant's representative that may be material to the examination of the subject application, Applicant's representative hereby provides this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that is prepared in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) and copies of the cited documents are provided herewith in connection with the above-captioned application.

The documents listed on the Forms PTO-1449 and supplied herewith are in the English language. Item E (US 6,130,092) is an English language equivalent patent for foreign patents DE 4424762 and WO 96/01314, which were provided in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 19, 2002. Items D and F (US 6,040,174 and US 6,133,028) are English language equivalent patents for foreign patent application WO 94/28152, which was provided in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 19, 2002. Item B (US 5,837,531) is an English language equivalent patent for foreign patent application WO 95/14101, which was provided in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 19, 2002. Items H and J (US 6,410,011 and US Patent Application Publication No. 2002094324) are an English language equivalent patent and English language equivalent patent application, respectively, for foreign patent

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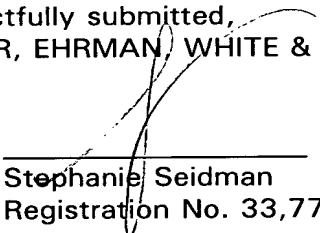
applicaiton WO 96/05321. Hence, in accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, as amended effective March 16, 1992, no further explanation of the listed items is necessary.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the foregoing references and make them of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

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